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From: Arthur Sappington,
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Subject: October 20th 2014

In La Grande on October 20th 2014 Congressman Walden sponsored your introduction as the new Region 6 Forester to hear what Eastern Oregon residents and local natural resource producers had to say (both good and bad) about the Blue Mountain Land Use Plan and the Road closure initiative.

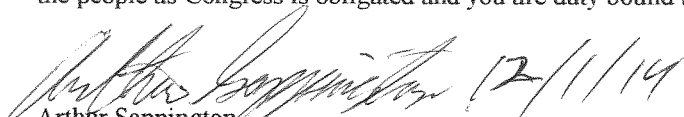
This letter is the written clarification for JMD record and followup reminder of our short discussion at the close of that public meeting whereby we exchanged cards of representation.

I was the next to last participant in the public question and comment section after the panel presentation; I brought up the coordination letter I sent to Kent Connaughton as the Region 6 Forester your predecessor that instead of properly responding through a coordinated mater pursuant to 43 USC1712 it was wrongfully placed in the public comment of the Blue Mountain Land Use Plan page 32 under my name instead of the Jefferson Mining District or under any of the issues raised in the letter. I also reiterated the statutes and a short statement of each in the following order of 16 USC 475, 16 USC 482, 16 USC 528, 16 USC 531, 16 USC 1600 esc. and 43 USC 1762 as it pertains to and preclude the 36 CFR 212 used to justify the Road Closures initiative to which you nodded acceptance of my short presentation and I asked the question of "who is the Forest Service's designated coordinator that I am to work with after the first of the year for this (BMLUP and the RMP) and the Baker City Watershed"; to which I did not and have not received a reply.

The coordination letter and the other documents I have sent to the Regional 6 Office and the Baker County office of the Forest service clearly show the Congressional intent under the constitutional authorization for management of the public lands until disposed to the private sector of those lands. It was apparent by your presentation that You as an individual employee of the US government, not an elected or appointed officer of the government, are following another agenda that is contrary to the intent of and clearly is in violation of the statutory laws as stated in my communications through the coordination authority authorized by congress. For the record, I, in the lawful capacity of Jefferson Ming District Coordinator, hereby give notice for you to cease and desist all unlawful actions under color of lawful management; and instead bring your actions consistent with the lawful procedures and laws and to avoid embarrassing and expensive legal action to counter any misconduct on your part in a private capacity, or public in that of the Secretary.

To avoid any mistake, the intent of Congress is clear. As a matter of law, your duty is first is to put the forest reserves into productive uses, such as in improving harvest of timber, limiting the forest to depredation by fire, grazing, improving access, improving flows of waters, and fostering and encouraging all lawful uses, such as development, extraction and disposal of the mineral estate. Any conduct short of these or any other required by Congress will be met with resort to all lawful remedies available to Jefferson Mining District.

We trust you will do the right thing to avoid any insurrection against the law the effects of which to date have been partially identified by Congressman Walden, and immediately bring the forest reserves to the point these once again serve the people as Congress is obligated and you are duty bound to execute.


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